

## STAR STATION QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A licensed Smog Check station seeking STAR certification shall meet all of the following eligibility requirements from the date the application is received by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR):

1. The station must not have had its STAR certification invalidated within the most recent six month period.
2. Stations must meet Follow-up Pass Rate (FPR) requirements over the prior six-month evaluation period as reported on July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> by the Bureau:
  - A. Smog Check technicians who have FPR scores and are employed at the station must have FPR scores greater than or equal to 0.4.
  - B. If a station employs technicians without FPR scores, the station FPR score cannot be less than 0.4.
3. The station's Similar Vehicle Failure Rate (SVFR) over the preceding calendar quarter (e.g. Jan., Feb., Mar.) must meet or exceed 75% of the industry-wide failure rate for similar vehicles, as calculated quarterly by the Bureau.
4. Stations must not have Gear Shifting Incidents on more than 2% of the vehicles certified in the preceding calendar quarter, as calculated by the Bureau. Gear Shift Incidents are inspections where the engine RPM during an ASM test is elevated to an extent suggesting that the vehicle was placed in the incorrect gear during the test.
5. The station must not have an Excessive Test Deviation Rate of more than one in the preceding calendar quarter, as calculated by the Bureau. An Excessive Test Deviation Rate occurs under any of the following circumstances:
  - A. Timing Test: A station's rate in Enhanced Smog Check Program areas for failing to perform the ignition timing test on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
  - B. Fuel Cap Test: The station's rate for failing to perform the fuel cap pressure test on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
  - C. Low Pressure Fuel Evaporative Test (LPFET): The station's rate for failing to perform the LPFET on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
  - D. OBDII Test: The station's rate for failing to perform the OBDII functional test on vehicles that should have been tested is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
  - E. OBDII Readiness: The station's rate for certifying vehicles during an initial test with the maximum allowable number of unset OBDII readiness monitors is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
  - F. ASM Inspection Restart: The station's rate for restarting ASM inspections is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles.
  - G. Inspection Abort: The station's rate for aborting inspections is greater than average for stations inspecting similar vehicles on the same brand of the Emissions Inspection System.
6. The station must not have been issued any Smog Check citation pursuant to section 44050 of the Health and Safety Code within the preceding one-year period, nor employ technicians who have been issued any citations pursuant to section 44050 of the Health and Safety Code within the preceding one-year period.
7. The current or any previous registration or license of the station owner, manager or licensed Smog Check technician employed by the station must not have been issued an order of suspension, a probationary order, or any other disciplinary order within the preceding three-year period.
8. The station owner, manager and licensed Smog Check technicians or other employees of the station:
  - A. Must not have been convicted of a crime within the preceding three-year period that is substantially related to the duties of a licensed Automotive Repair Dealer, Smog Check station, or Smog Check technician.
  - B. Must not be serving a probationary period as a result of any such criminal proceeding.
  - C. Must not have been found liable in a civil proceeding, excluding small claims matters, within the preceding three-year period, for acts or omissions that are substantially related to the duties of a licensed Automotive Repair Dealer, Smog Check station, or Smog Check technician.
9. The station must not have engaged in any conduct that would be cause for discipline of the station's Automotive Repair Dealer registration or Smog Check station license.
10. The station must be in compliance with all of the following:
  - A. Licensure and license posting requirements
  - B. Signage requirements
  - C. Estimate, repair order, invoice and record keeping requirements
  - D. Possession of all required manuals and publications
  - E. Possession of all required tools and equipment in proper working order

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Stations without a FPR score who employ a technician(s) without an FPR score may still qualify for STAR certification. Eligibility will be based on the other STAR criteria.
- B. STAR certification is non-transferable.